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Sunday, 22 Rabi'ul AwaEl 1426 as we remember Malcolm X forty years later, we ought also to rememb

I remember myself shaking like a leaf as I stood beside Malcolm's grave for the first time, and as I w
The dominant characteristic of her life, after Malcolm's death, was her fierce loyalty and unflinching dev

It was 22nd September 1996, just eight months before her death, and I was escorted to the back of a la

She sat at the back of the hall, she quietly explained to me, to be better able to assess the four speake
She had heard of me, of my Trinidad origin, and of my constant references in New York and elsewhere

But I also took time off to dwell on his matchless integrity. His passionate commitment to truth and justi

After all four speakers had made their presentations Betty came forward, ever so slowly and deliberate

Only after she had passionately defended her husband did she calm down. But the way she had looked

Later that evening, after I had left the hall to go to another engagement, she autographed a copy of the

May their common grave be wide, cool and spacious for them, and be filled with light. And may they bo